



# IN FLAMES

SOUNDS  
OF A PLAYGROUND  
FADING





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YOU CAN FIND ALL YOU NEED  
THE MESSAGE IS IN THE SILENCE  
WHISPER WORDS TO CALM YOUR MIND  
REACH INSIDE  
NUMB THE PAIN  
COME AROUND WITH ANSWERS

WE ARE GHOSTS OF THE CONCRETE WORLD  
GENETIC CODES OF A DYING BREED  
WILL I BE LEFT BEHIND?  
SOUNDS OF A PLAYGROUND FADING

STARING INTO BRIGHT LIGHTS  
I AM WHAT I'VE DONE  
IT'S USELESS TO HIDE  
AN EMPTY CHAMBER  
GUESS I WAS PART OF A PLAN

WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME  
CAN'T SEEM TO RECOGNIZE  
WHAT PUT US HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE  
COUNTING DOWN THE DAYS  
BEGINNING OF THE END

## DELIVER US

REMINDE ME  
I'M GOLDEN  
THE FORTRESS ABOVE THE SUN

WHY DON'T YOU SPEND NOWHERE WITH ME  
FOLLOW THE RIVER AND THE PATH OF THE ONES  
WRITE OUR NAMES ON THE SHORE  
FOREVER - I CAN'T FIND  
STRUGGLING IN A WORLD UNDEFINED  
DECIDE HOW YOU WANT IT TO BE  
I'M NOT ETERNITY

FLY INTO THE DISTANT  
DISAPPEAR FOR AWHILE  
I CAN'T MAKE SENSE OF THIS  
BUT WE'RE HERE TODAY (FEELING) ALIVE

IT STARTS TO FALL APART  
LET ME TAKE CONTROL  
REMINISCE  
THE DAYS AND NOTHING MORE  
SOMETHING I WILL FIND AGAIN  
DELIVER US

CAN'T HEAR THE WORDS YOU SAY  
BUT IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER  
I GIVE THE WORLD TO YOU  
IF YOU JUST.....



# ALL FOR ME

UNTIL THE WORLD CEASES TO MOVE, THAT BURNING FEELING, LET ME GO  
THIS IS REAL

ALWAYS ONE MORE THING, I CLENCH MY HANDS AND BANG MY HEAD  
TAKE WHATEVER COMES TO YOU, ALL THE WHILE, I DON'T NEED ANOTHER FRIEND

I BURN WHEN I DO THE THINGS I DO FOR YOU  
FOREVER, THE NIGHT, IT'S ALL FOR ME NOW, I'M SURE THAT ONE DAY  
I CAN GET YOU.... ALL THAT YOU LOST

I NEVER TOLD, BLESSED IS THE SICK IN ME, I'M DYING ALONE  
WE STAND TO FIGHT FOR NOTHING  
WITHOUT A THOUGHT, WITHOUT A REASON, IT WILL NEVER BE OKAY  
A GROWING PAIN, IT'S HARD TO SAY WHAT BROUGHT THE DARKEST BURDEN  
FOR SOME OF US THERE'S NO ANSWER

CHAINS ARE BREAKING, I WON'T LET THIS BUILD UP INSIDE ME  
THERE'S A STORM COMING, BUT I'LL SERVE NO MORE  
...TILL MY VERY LAST BREATH

# THE PUZZLE

AND I TRIED TO THINK, TRIED TO PAINT THE PICTURE, I LIVED IT ALL  
WOULDN'T HAVE TO FEEL THIS WAY

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN, I THINK I'VE DONE MY TIME  
ONE BY ONE THE PIECES FALL, TELL ME WHAT IT IS TO BELIEVE  
YOU CAN TELL DAYS BY THEIR FACES, THERE ARE ALWAYS SIGNS  
ANSWERS TO THE PUZZLE, GRAB A PIECE OF THE LIGHT  
KEEP PRETENDING, I CAN HANDLE EVERYTHING, YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND ME  
AND I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK  
OR MAYBE I DO?







## FEAR IS THE WEAKNESS

AT LEAST YOU COULD HAVE TRIED, IT'S WAY PAST TIME, AND WE'RE SCATTERING ASHES  
YOU TAKE EVERYTHING IN SIGHT, PLEASE HEAR ME NOW  
YOU, YOU ARE LEAVING ME, WITH SCARS  
FEAR IS THE WEAKNESS IN ALL OF US, IT'S SAD TO SEE YOU GO  
IT'S NOT MEANT TO BE EASY, BUT YOU DRAG US DOWN  
BURDEN OF THE EVIDENCE GROWS  
THE SAME ROAD FOR FAR TOO LONG  
IT'S NOT MEANT TO BE, WE'RE LOSING IDENTITY  
FAITH HAS BEEN DENIED, LET'S NOT PRETEND  
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME, WE JUST DON'T BELONG (HERE)  
WHAT WORLD WOULD YOU PERCEIVE?  
ALL TURN COLD, NO ONE CARES FOR ANYONE  
WAITING FOR THE FINAL BLOW, DO YOU HAVE STRENGTH AT ALL?  
ONE MORE DAY THEN WE FADE AWAY

## WHERE THE DEAD SHIPS DWELL

BIG PICTURE SLOWLY FADES, WALLS ARE CLOSING IN  
AND THERE I WAS CURSING THE GROUND, UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND  
I WON'T LET THE WORLD BREAK ME, SO I NEED TO CHANGE DIRECTION  
NOTHING SPECIAL AND FAR FROM PERFECT, LIGHT THE WAY FOR ME  
I WON'T SAY I'M SORRY, I GOT WHAT I DESERVE  
FEEL I WAS RUNNING AN ENDLESS MILE  
LAST CANDLE BURNS AND I'M DYING INSIDE  
ALL OF THIS WILL TURN TO ASH, A CHANGE FOR A PEACE OF MIND  
WALKING WHERE THE DEAD SHIPS DWELL  
THESE ARE SHORES I LEFT BEHIND  
STREETS WERE GETTING SMALLER AND I HAD TO LEAVE  
ALL I HEAR IS NOISE  
HEARTS OF FALSE HOPE, GUESS I TOOK IT ALL FOR GRANTED  
I KNOW I WENT TOO FAR



# the Attic

there's someone in the attic  
building a strange machine  
never really seen him  
but i think he works all day  
blinded by the world outside  
i stay inside  
hardly know my name  
but it's getting better by time  
i saw something in the mirror  
someone is watching me  
if i hide in the attic  
they will never get to me  
found some rope on the floor  
i have to build a trap  
so i start on my machine  
i'm never to be seen

# DARKER TIMES

SEPTEMBER'S HERE AGAIN  
EVERY INSECURITY REMINDS YOU  
WHO'S AT THE HELM?

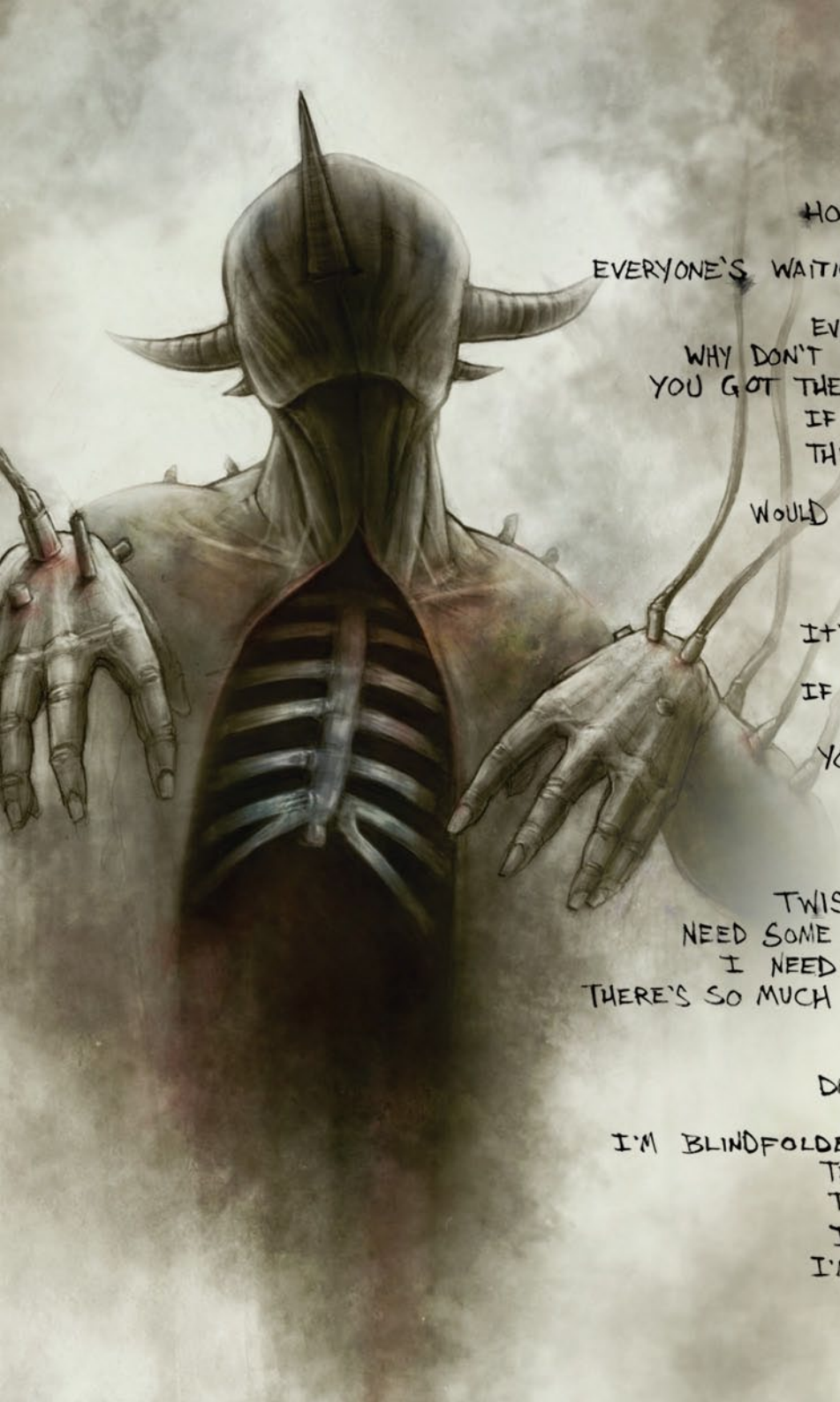
DARKER TIMES  
WITH FEAR IN THE EYES  
WHO'S THE MAN IN CHARGE?  
INVENTED ISOLATION  
ALONE AND SAFE INSIDE  
STRUGGLE WITH WORDS,  
THAT MAKE SENSE IN TIME  
YET WAITING FOR SOMEONE TO ENTER  
SAY, "I HAVE A BETTER PLAN"

NEVER HAVE TO WORRY  
FOR ALL THAT WE KNOW  
THE TRUTH BE TOLD  
AS WE LAY DOWN LOW  
WALKING THE THIN LINE  
LET THE HAPPINESS IN  
FOR NOW IT'S FINE  
WE'RE LIVING THE LIE

WHEN LIGHT BREAKS  
ANOTHER WAY TO MATTER  
ALL QUESTIONS SOMEHOW ANSWERED  
WHEN LIFE COMES CRUSHING  
AT THE EARLY BREAK OF DAY  
WE'VE ONLY COME SO FAR







# ROPE

HOW MUCH CAN WE TAKE BEFORE WE CARE TO SETTLE?  
THOUGHT WE WERE SET FOR A PERFECT SCENE  
EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR A FAILURE, SOMETHING THAT CAN PLEASE AND JUSTIFY  
A VOID WITHIN OUR LIVES

EVERYONE'S WAITING FOR SOMETHING THEY CAN'T HAVE  
WHY DON'T YOU DROP YOUR GUARD? I'M ON MY KNEES FOR YOU  
YOU GOT THE MINDSET OF A KILLER AND IT WILL NOT TAKE YOU FAR  
IF I HAD THE ANSWER, WOULD THAT MAKE YOU STAY?

THIS IS THE TIME AND PLACE, IT'S YOUR MOMENT OF FATE  
IF THIS WOULD BE YOUR LAST BREATH  
WOULD THAT CHANGE A THING? DIVE HEAD FIRST INTO THE FIRE

IF YOU JUST LET ME, I WILL FIND A WAY  
TO EASE YOUR MIND AND FOR YOU TO STAY  
AND I WILL UNTIE ALL THE ROPES

IT'S HARD FOR ME, BUT BELIEVE ME, I'M TRYING  
WHAT ARE YOU LONGING FOR?

IF I HAD THE ANSWER, WOULD THAT MAKE YOU STAY?

THIS IS THE TIME AND PLACE  
YOU ARE WAITING FOR SOMETHING YOU CAN'T HAVE

## ENTER TRAGEDY

TWISTING TONGUE, FALLEN OFF THE EDGE AGAIN  
NEED SOME SPACE, NEED DISGRACE, I'M CONFUSED, I'M IN A MAZE  
I NEED FOR YOU TO PICK ME UP, WHEN I FALL DOWN  
THERE'S SO MUCH MORE, WE CAN GO FAR, BUT I CAN'T CONTROL MY SELFISH WAYS  
ENTER TRAGEDY, SLASH MY SOUL

WHY IS IT PART OF THE PLAN?

DO YOU QUESTION ME? I QUESTION YOU

WHO'S THE MAN IN FRONT OF ME?

I'M BLINDFOLDED, I CAN'T SEE, NEED A REASON, I'M LEFT EMPTY

THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING OUT THERE

THIS INNER APATHY, BRINGS ME TO LIFE

I KNOW IT'S STRANGE AND IT'S DRAINING ME

I'M TIRED, I'M FED UP, I'M A SLAVE



# A NEW DAWN

I DREAMED THAT YOU'VE DIED  
I'M FOREVER ALONE  
I'M WEAK AND I'M FRIGHTENED  
THIS BRINGS ABOUT THE CHANGE  
THINGS YOU SAID TO ME  
BELIEVE AND THE THINGS YOU MIGHT FIND  
WILL TURN INTO A MARCH

I STAND ALONE AND BREATHE AGAIN  
I WON'T STOP UNTIL THIS IS THROUGH

AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE SUN RISE AGAIN  
IT'S MOMENTS LIKE THIS  
I'M WHAT YOU'LL NEVER BE  
TO BETTER WHAT I AM  
YOU WON'T HEAR LIES FROM ME

FEEL A SUDDEN HAZE  
TIME TO GET MOVING  
GETTING SOMEWHERE WITH NO DIRECTIONS  
I SWEAR TO YOU  
IT WILL NEVER BE THE SAME  
IT'S NOT STRAIGHT,  
BUT THE ROAD LIES OPEN  
LEAVING ALL TEARS BEHIND

ERASE DARKNESS FROM MY MIND  
LAST REMAINING NIGHT  
FROM HERE TO EVERYWHERE

# LIBERATION

I KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO BREAK YOU  
YOU KNOW I NEVER SLEEP

JUST BECAUSE YOU MADE THEM THINK  
DOESN'T MEAN THE WORLD WILL FALL INTO PLACE

TOOK SOME TIME BUT NOW YOU KNOW  
TOMORROW IS TOO LATE

CLOSE YOUR EYES  
WALK WITH ME  
I SET YOU FREE  
AND EVERYTHING YOU ASK FOR

I FOUND THE WAY  
AND I'LL RETURN HERE SOON  
I HAVE TO SEE THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW  
REST IN PEACE  
I'M COMING FOR YOU  
I'LL BE WITH YOU TONIGHT

IF TODAY WAS YOUR LAST DAY  
WOULD THAT CHANGE A THING?

YOU PROBABLY BELIEVE WHAT YOU TOLD THEM  
LIVE EACH MOMENT LIKE YOUR LAST



IN FLAMES THANKS EVERYONE AND ANYONE  
WHO'S BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS ALBUM IN ANY WAY.  
THANKS TO OUR PATIENT GIRLFRIENDS AND WIVES.

JESPER - GOOD LUCK AND ALL THE BEST  
TO YOU ON YOUR MUSICAL JOURNEYS.

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